

May 14, 1999

Food and Drug Administration,
Dockets Management Branch, HFA - 305 2063 '99 MAY 18 AM 11:30
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Meat Irradiation

Dear FDA:

We are opposed to meat irradiation. It would be doing the wrong thing for the right reason. Additionally, the irradiation of meat would not protect us from the pathogens in animal manure used to fertilize fruits, vegetables and other crops. We believe that pathogens affecting the meat should be addressed at the animal production level.

As consumers, we would like to be informed if any meat, poultry or other products have been irradiated. Such products should conspicuously display an irradiation notice and "RADURA". There should be no expiration of such a consumer warning. This will obviously allow us to make informed choices about what we consume.

Thank you!

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